



# 2008 AUGUST CALENDAR

## NICKERSON STATE PARK

**Park Interpreter: Todd**

**Park Phone Number: (508) 896-3491**

All programs are free and open to the public. There is no daily parking fee. Parking permit is required at Crosby Landing Beach until 3:00pm. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information please call the park. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:30PM – 9:00PM Family Campfire	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:00am- 3:00pm Crosby Mansion Open House	<b>4</b> 3:00PM – 4:30PM Jr. Ranger: Mammals of NSP-Tracks and Sign	<b>5</b> 10:00AM Kidleidoscope: Awesome Owls	<b>6</b> 9:00AM – 10:15AM Family Nature Exploration: Vernal pools and Grassy Pond	<b>7</b> 2:00PM – 7:00PM Friends of NSP Beach Party: Flax Pond	<b>8</b> 8:00PM – 9:00PM Night Walk	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 3:00PM – 4:30PM Jr. Ranger: Orienteering and Field Craft	<b>12</b> 10:00AM Kidleidoscope: Animals of the Forest	<b>13</b> 9:00AM – 10:15AM Family Nature Exploration: The Watersheds of NSP	<b>14</b> Forests & Parks on Wheels  5:00PM – 6:30PM Stroll by the Bay	<b>15</b> 7:30PM – 9:00PM Smokey Bear Family Campfire	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:00am- 3:00pm Crosby Mansion Open House	<b>18</b> 3:00PM – 4:30PM Jr. Ranger: Watershed Wisdom	<b>19</b> 10:00AM Kidleidoscope Together with Turtles	<b>20</b> 9:00AM – 10:15AM Family Nature Exploration: The Secret Side of Higgins Pond	<b>21</b> 10:30AM Fire Tower Tour	<b>22</b> 8:00PM – 9:00PM Night Walk	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 3:00PM – 4:30PM Jr. Ranger: Trees and Forestry	<b>26</b> 10:00AM Kidleidoscope: Terrific Trees in a Nutshell	<b>27</b> 9:00AM – 10:15AM Family Nature Exploration: Little Cliff Pond	<b>28</b> 5:00PM – 6:30PM Stroll by the Bay	<b>29</b> 7:30PM – 9:00PM Family Campfire	<b>30</b>



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

<b>Junior Ranger</b>	Ages 8-14. Work toward earning your Junior Ranger Patch and Certificate by attending programs and completing the specific activities in the Junior Ranger Activity Book. All participants must be accompanied by an adult. Also be prepared with good hiking shoes.
<b>Kidleidoscope</b>	Adventure, activities and a story for pre-school children (ages 3-6). We will cover a different nature theme each week by exploring the world around us, creating a fun craft project and reading a story that relates to the day's theme. All children must be accompanied by an adult. At the Nature Center unless otherwise specified.
<b>Family Nature Exploration</b>	Naturalist led nature walks for the whole family exploring a variety of habitats throughout Nickerson State Park. Bring water and insect repellent. Parking varies with hike location. Check the weekly schedule at the Contact Station or Nature Center. Be prepared, some walks we'll get our feet wet. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<b>Stroll by the Bay</b>	Get your feet wet while learning about the tidal flats, salt marshes and beach habitats along Cape Cod Bay. Leisurely fun for the whole family. Park at the end of Crosby Lane and bring insect repellent. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<b>Family Fun at the Campfire</b>	Roast marshmallows and listen to Native American stories about our relationship with the natural world that we all live upon. Maybe share a story or game of your own too. Bring your favorite drink and your best stick to the campfire circle at the Nature Center. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<b>Night Walks</b>	Join in on a guided walk through the night woods to listen to and discover how nocturnal birds and animals use their senses to survive at night. No flashlights allowed on this walk and bring your insect repellent. Meet at Fisherman's Landing 1 mile past the park store on the left. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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## SPECIAL EVENTS & FESTIVALS

<b>Crosby Mansion Open House</b>	Tour the historic Crosby Mansion with a knowledgeable docent and learn all the ins and outs of this fascinating piece of Cape Cod history. Park at the Crosby Mansion on the left shortly down Crosby Lane which is off of Route 6A just west of Nickerson State Park main entrance. \$3.00 donation requested. Open House from 10:00am to 3:00pm on the 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays in August.
<b>Family Campfire with Smokey Bear</b>	Join us for this fun and educational program on what you can do to prevent forest fires and promote fire safety. Learn the difference between how we use good fires and how bad fires come about. Fire is a part of the natural world and this program is an opportunity to remember respect for this awesome force. All children must be accompanied by an adult.
<b>Junior Ranger Fire Tower Tour</b>	Junior Ranger Fire Tower Tour is for Junior Rangers ages 8-14, with parent, AND anyone else who wants to learn about the different methods used to control and prevent forest fires on Cape Cod. For safety reasons all who wish to climb the tower must wear closed toed shoes or sneakers. No sandals or flip flops. Children 8 and above must be accompanied by an adult up the tower. Children under 8 can visit the demonstration on the ground (with a parent) but will not be allowed to climb the tower. Fire Tower is ½ mile past park store on the left. Park to the right and out of the way at the dump station area.
<b>Friends of NSP Beach Party</b>	Join in for fun and food at Flax Pond Beach. Eat and swim to your heart's delight There will be beachfront games and activities as well as a FREE program on Rain Forest Animals. Parking lot to the right almost 1 mile down Flax Pond Road.
<b>Forests and Parks on Wheels</b>	Come see the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's traveling Forests & Parks on Wheels Program. Learn about the diversity and significance of protected natural resources within OUR STATE! All children must be accompanied by an adult.